

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A structural truss comprising:

a plurality of structural members arranged in a generally flat configuration, the structural members including front sections defining a front surface of the truss and back sections defining a back surface of the truss defining a plane;

a web including at least one web member extending between two structural members ~~within said plane~~ generally between the front and back surfaces of the truss for being subjected to compression forces when the truss is in use, the web member having first side portions generally defining a front section side and an opposite back section facing side which face opposite directions in the directions of the front and back surfaces of the truss, respectfully, substantially out of said plane; and having lateral sections second side portions located between the front and back surfaces and facing first portions which generally define opposite lateral sides which face opposite directions substantially between the front and back surfaces within said plane;

a brace having a base engaging the web member at one of said lateral sections, and at least one first side wall projecting outwardly from the base in a direction away from the one web member, the brace being secured to the web member for reinforcing the web member, the brace being located between the front and back surfaces the brace engaging the web member at one of said lateral sides; and

at least one fastener securing the brace to the web member, the fastener penetrating the web member at one of said lateral sections sides;

wherein said front and back sections sides of the web member remain free from fasteners.

2. (Original) A structural truss as set forth in claim 1 wherein said web member has a cross-sectional shape which is circular.

3. (Original) A structural truss as set forth in claim 1 wherein said web member has a cross-sectional shape which is rectangular.

4. (Original) A structural truss as set forth in claim 1 wherein the brace has one or more fastener holes for receiving corresponding one or more said fasteners.

5. (Original) A structural truss as set forth in claim 4 wherein said fastener is distinct and non-integral with the brace.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A structural truss as set forth in claim 1 wherein the brace has a generally flat base and wherein said at least one first side wall comprises a pair of opposite first side walls extending from the base generally transverse to the base, the base being secured to the web member by said one or more fasteners.

8. (Currently Amended) A structural truss as set forth in claim 7 wherein said first side walls have inwardly turned ends.

9. (Currently Amended) A structural truss as set forth in claim 8 wherein said ends of the first side walls turn at least about 180 degrees.

10. (Original) A structural truss as set forth in claim 7 wherein said web member has a cross-sectional shape which is circular, and the web member is received between the side walls.

11. (Original) A structural truss as set forth in claim 7 wherein said web member has a cross-sectional shape which is rectangular, and the side walls of the brace extend from the base and project outward from the web member.

12. (New) A structural truss as set forth in claim 1 wherein the front and back sections of the web member have a spacing therebetween defining thickness confines of the truss, and wherein a second side wall projects from the base along one of the front and back sections, the second side wall being in flush engagement with said one of the front and back sections, and the remainder of the brace being within the thickness confines of the truss.